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SUBJECT: GOP DELEGATION TO CAMPORA INAUGURATION

1. GOP DELEGATION TO CAMPORA INAUGURATION MAY 25 WILL BE
HEADED BY JUAN RAMON CHAVES, PRESIDENT OF SENATE AND WILL
INCLUDE LUIS MARIA ARGANA, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF CHAMBER
OF DEPUTIES, ALBERTO NOGUES, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
FOREIGN RELATIONS, AND MAJGEN GERARDO JOHANNSEN, COMMANDANT
OF MILITARY ACADEMY. ALL OF THE ABOVE HAVE " SPECIAL
AMBASSADORIAL RANK" FOR THIS OCCASION.

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2. IN ADDITION HIS SENATE POSITION, CHAVES IS PRESIDENT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD OF RULING COLORADO PARTY, HAS HELD OFFICES OF MINISTER OF JUSTICE, EDUCATION, AND WITHOUT PROTFOLIO. HE WAS PARAGUAYAN AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA WHEN PERON FELL AND ARRANGED FOR LATTER' S ESCAPE ON PARAGUAYAN WARSHIP AND ASYLUM IN ASUNCION. HE IS 71 YEARS OLD, WELL DISPOSED TOWARDS US, SPEAKS NO ENGLISH. ARGANA, WHO ALSO MEMBER OF COLORADO PARTY EXECUTIVE BOARD, HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS " FANATIC COLORADO AND A FULL- TIME POLITICIAN." AT HEIGHT OF REICORD EXTRADITION CONTROVERSY, HE ATTACKED USG AND, IN PARTICULAR, CIA ON FLOOR OF CHAMBER. HE SPEAKS NO ENGLISH. NOGUES IS EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT (FORMERLY AMB TO CHILE AND SPAIN) AND ONE OF BEST FRIENDS US HAS HERE; HE SPEAKS ENGLISH, THOUGH NOT FLUENTLY. JOHANNSEN HAS HELD PRESENT POSITION SINCE 1968, WAS PREVIOUSLY COMMANDER OF PRESIDENTIAL ESCORT REGIMENT, IS VERY CLOSE TO STROESSNER PERSONALLY. HE SPEAKS SOME ENGLISH. LANDAU

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